

Disbursement of Financial Aid

Requirements for Receiving Your Aid

Financial aid is disbursed to your student billing account no earlier than 10 days prior to the first day of instruction. There are a number of tasks that you need to complete in order to make sure that your financial aid awards disburse in a timely manner.

- **Complete All Outstanding Requirements** — Be sure that every item on your [imbed 2.0 link here](#) is completed.
- **Enrollment** — Students must be enrolled at least less than half time for Pell, half time for federal loans and Cal Grant, full time for institutional aid
- **Loan Promissory Notes and Entrance Counseling** — If you are borrowing a student loan, complete and sign any applicable promissory notes for your loans. First-time, first-year Direct Loan borrowers and Grad PLUS borrowers must complete loan entrance counseling. Both of these requirements can be found on [imbed 2.0 link here](#)
- **Holds** — If there are any holds on your account, you must resolve them before your aid will be disbursed.

How Aid is Paid to Students (Disbursements)

- **Grants, Scholarships and Loans**

Grants, scholarships and loans administered by the Financial Aid Office are applied directly to student billing account to pay charges for tuition, fees and on-campus room and board (if applicable).

- **Federal Work-Study Funds**

Students who have applied for and are accepted into a Federal Work-Study job earn their Federal Work-Study funds by working in positions with eligible employers. Wages are typically paid bi-weekly through the employer's payroll system.

- **Outside Scholarships**

Once the Office of Financial Aid receives your scholarship check, it will be incorporated into your financial aid package. The scholarship will disburse to your student account just like any other form of financial aid (only after all requirements are satisfied, you are enrolled, no earlier than 10 days prior to the start of instruction, etc.) and will be split half in fall and half in spring, unless otherwise specified by the donor.